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Residents Protest GW Use of Public Space

By Ellie Becker

This letter was sent to Dolores Stafford, the head of the GW University Police, following the appearance, on public space outside the campus, of a university emergency phone and the disappearance of a protected antique metal call box.

A few days after the community complained, the old call box was returned to its original site and the university emergency call box was removed.

According to Facilities Management head Walter Gray, GW did not have a permit to install the emergency phone, but had been told they could put it in without one. After being informed that they did in fact need a permit, the phone was removed.

Ms. Stafford:

We discovered yesterday that a GW emergency telephone has been installed in a triangle at New Hampshire Avenue and H Streets, N.W.

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Update

FB Cleanup Set for April 21

A cleanup day for Foggy Bottom, a joint effort by the GW Student Association (SA) and community members, will take place on Saturday, April 21, beginning at 12:00 noon. GW students have participated in cleanups of the neighborhood on several occasions in the past.

Participants will meet at St. Mary's Court at 12:00 noon, when they will be assigned to "police up" various areas around Foggy Bottom. The SA will provide trash bags and some tools (e.g. rakes), but workers are encouraged to bring heavy gloves and tools which might be useful.

Residents may call the SA office, 994-7100, to report areas needing attention by cleanup participants. Detailed descriptions of sites to be cleaned up will be routed to Carl Benincasa, SA Vice President of Community Affairs

Benincasa also advises the SA is planning refreshments and is inviting some special guests to mark the occasion.

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K Street Improvements Near Completion

By Maria Tyler

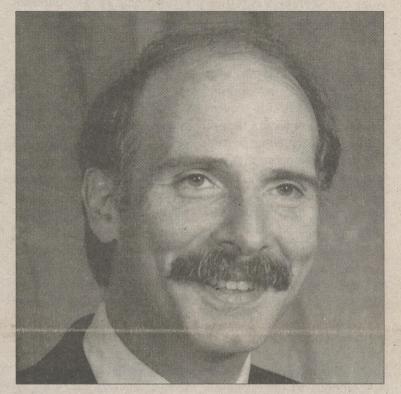
The hard work of the Steering Committee of Residents to beautify the 2400-2600 blocks of residential K Street and make them safer and more pedestrianfriendly is slowly coming to an end. The reconstruction of the 2400 block, and of the bridge over K at 24th Street, represents the last stretch of this five-year-old effort.

Pedestrians will have noticed that the most frequently-used sidewalk on the western side of the bridge has been significantly widened. Previously it was very narrow and difficult for more than one person to use. The sidewalks on both the western and eastern sides of the bridge are in beautiful red brick and are now equipped with generous handicapped-accessible ramps.

Attractive parapets have been constructed between the descending tunnel and the north and south service roads of the 2400 block, as well as on the bridge, and have been completed with a variegated stone finish. The parapets are topped, for safety, by ornamental iron railings, replacing the old industrial-looking walls with their dilapidated and damaged aluminum rail-

K Street, to page 5

Mary Healy, longtime resident and Foggy Bottom leader, died March 20 after several months' illness. Funeral services are set for Saturday, March 24, at 11:00 a.m., at St. Stephen Martyr Church. See the May News for information about her life and contributions to FB.



Phil Mendelson To Speak at March Meeting

On Monday, March 26, the guest speaker will be Councilmember at Large Phil Mendelson, making his second appearance before the FBA since his election. He has been asked to cover the wide range of issues currently before the Council.

A resident of the McLean Gardens area in Ward 3, prior to his election he was active in his neighborhood and was a member of his Advisory Neighborhood Commission. He and his wife recently adopted a little girl named Adelaide.

Speaker, to page 2

FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETING

All Residents Welcome

Guest Speaker:

Phil Mendelson

D.C. Councilmember-at-Large

Monday, March 26, 2001

➤ NOTE NEW LOCATION

West End Library

24th & L Streets, N.W.

7:30 p.m.

(Next meeting: Monday, April 30, 2001)



Letters

Open Streetlight Bases Pose Danger

I read with interest your article in the Foggy Bottom News about the new committee on neighborhood environment. It's clear the FBA chose well in naming you its chair.

Here's a suggestion for your consideration. Strolling around the neighborhood, one can't help noticing how many of the streetlights have their bases open, filling up with junk and with wires spilling out. Sometimes the covers aren't even missing; they're loose inside or lying nearby. It's ugly, and potentially hazardous, it would seem, especially to children and pets. It may be that they're left open purposely so as to facilitate repairs.

Could your committee contact whoever should be contacted—the city, Pepco—to urge that the bases be closed? To be sure, this is a citywide problem, but maybe with the help of the FBA and the support of our neighbor the Mayor, it could be addressed starting with Foggy Bottom and the West End.

All success to you and your committee members.

Thomas V. Miller 25th Street

CIC Chair Champagne responds:

I can report that on February 26, I faxed to the Department of Public Works the addresses of lamp post bases [needing] repairs as submitted by the members of the Community Improvement Committee. I thank Mr. Miller not only for taking the time to write regarding this improvement, but also for his help in submitting his list of addresses which I faxed to DPW on March 2. Both are greatly appreciated.

A total of 73 addresses was faxed!

Those Ad Cards Again!

By Charlotte LeGates

You're walking to the Metro, and there they are again! Advertising cards all over the sidewalk!

Don't blame the property owner. No one wants this litter, including GWU, which actively opposes this type of advertising on campus and off. And the city fines advertisers \$35 for each flyer or card one of their representatives tosses onto the sidewalk or tacks/glues to a pole or tree.

Imposing those fines is one of the many responsibilities of Tom Day, the senior inspector for D.C.'s Solid Waste Education and Enforcement Program (SWEEP). Since he can't be everywhere at once, he needs your help!

Pick up the flyers, as many of them as you can get

Speaker, from page 1

Mendelson is the only Councilmember who testified at the GWU Campus Plan hearings, and stressed his contention that campus planning "should no longer start from the premise of bricks and mortar and the university's programs. Rather, first it should define the larger neighborhood, then state how that neighborhood will be protected, and, finally, build the campus (the university) within that framework. In this way town-gown tensions are addressed while the university gets its plan for growth."

As new chairman of the Subcommittee on Labor, Voting Rights and Redistricting, Mendelson will manage the legislation for the redistricting to take place this year as a result of the recent Census. He will cover that subject, along with D.C. General and others being discussed in the Council.

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your hands on. Rita Champagne, who chairs the FBA Community Improvement Committee, says she collects advertising litter and would be happy to collect from you any cards/flyers/posters you gather. Call her at 293-1439.

Advertising flyers have been a problem in Foggy Bottom for the past four or five years, Day says. Night spots attempting to attract the under-30s in our neighborhood are especially likely to use them. It's legal to hire someone to hand the flyers to passersby, but many people refuse to take them. Some distributors fling the flyers onto sidewalks and steps—maybe in hopes someone will pick them up and patronize the establishment, maybe just to get rid of them.

Fortunately, Day says, a few hundred dollars in fines and the red tape involved in court hearings persuades many advertisers that the flyers aren't worth the problem. But not always. He imposed a series of fines on one business that climbed to \$15,000 before the establishment closed. Given the District's growing attractiveness to businesses of all types, Day counsels, the flyers are likely to be a recurring problem.

Not all street advertising is illegal, Day notes. Advertising littered on the ground is always illegal, but political candidates and community organizations may place meeting and election-related announcements for up to 30 days on street poles if they register and receive permission from the Mayor's office. However, Day notes, there are no exceptions to the rule against attaching anything to city trees.

A Foggy Bottom 2001 Wish List, Part II

Dorothy Ohliger, who lives on 25th Street, would like better signals and pedestrian protection (and traffic enforcement) at Washington Circle and on Virginia Avenue near the Watergate. She also hopes the community can get together to "accentuate the positive."

Norrene Vogt wishes that residents would adopt the Swiss householders' ethic which holds that each resident has the responsibility for keeping the public space in front of his or her residence sparkling clean. And that all

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trashcans be stored out of sight from street view.

Ellie Becker, Editor, Foggy Bottom News, (1) also wishes for the children's library to be moved, as it might allow for a special Foggy Bottom Room in the library; (2) would like a week or two, or perchance even a month or two, without concrete mixers, dumptrucks, bulldozers, dirt and flagmen on our streets, and without cranes, ugly

fences, scaffolding, and construction trailers assailing our eyes; and (3) that a whole host of willing helpers appear to lend their heads and hands and hearts to protect our charming and unique neighborhood by participating in FBA and ANC efforts and by contributing to the production and distribution of the Foggy Bottom News, which she thinks helps maintain Foggy Bottom's neighborhood feel.

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Arts Club Exhibits Two Artists in April

Opening April 6 at the Arts Club are exhibits of the work of Jack Hannula of Washington and Antonia Walker of Waterford, Virginia.

An award-winning landscape designer, Hannula's work depicts Washington's network of distinctive 19th century architecture. This exhibit, entitled "D.C. Streets 1999-2000: Painting the Memories," will be placed in the first floor Monroe Gallery.

Ms. Walker's work, including pictures of geisha-like women, portraits and land-scapes of Italian villages and the Virginia countryside, may be viewed in the second floor McFeely Gallery. Her show is entitled "Transitions."

There will be an opening reception from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the Club, located at 2017 I Street, N.W. The Club's galleries are open on Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Cleanup Day Set for April 7

A planting and cleanup day for the 26th Street Park is planned for Saturday, April 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Volunteers are welcome; bring gloves, rakes, brooms, shovels, and garden implements. Refreshments and conviviality are also on the schedule. Rain date is Monday, April 9, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Call 337-3731 to sign up!

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Call Box, from page 1

That triangle is public space and is not within the campus boundaries.

At the same time we also discovered that the old police/ fire box nearby had disappeared.

Both circumstances are distressing to nearby residents.

The old call boxes have a protected status, in a joint program between the Department of Public Works and the D.C. Heritage Tourism Coalition.

If in fact GW removed the call box, I believe the university needs to notify the Department of Public Works, the D.C. Heritage Tourism Coalition, and ANC Chair Elizabeth Elliott, the Foggy Bottom coordinator for the call box program. It should also be returned.

As to the university emergency phone, there are questions as to whether or not this is appropriate. What is NOT appropriate is the failure of the university to communicate its intentions to the community. No doubt it had been planned for some months; during all that time was it not possible to have it mentioned at an ANC meeting, or in a simple phone call or letter to the ANC Chair? Again, GWU just decided what it wanted to do without caring what residents thought.

The university purports to perform many "kindnesses" for the community. That may or may not be true, but it seems that many of the kindnesses are "imposed" upon us. Why can't they be "proposed" before they are "imposed"?

At the same time as the letter was sent to Ms. Stafford,

Tom Bower, who lives on New Hampshire Avenue, wrote to GWU President Trachtenberg. He also made the point that if GW took the call box to restore it, ". . . it should not have been done without informing" the community. Bower, who is president of the Foggy Bottom Historic District Conservancy, also noted that the old call box and the GW emergency phone, are NOT on GWU property, but on public property. He compared the GWU action to those of a person who "started to dig up one of the beautiful rose bushes on the campus" because he thought it would look better somewhere else, and surmised that the university official "would want to be asked and informed before I picked up a shovel. That is at least part of the reason why the university is not appreciated in Foggy

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Bottom."

One way to reduce the burden of paper waste in the U.S. (estimated to be about 5 million tons) is to reuse envelopes as many times as possible. This is particularly feasible where appearance isn't important, for example in letters to friends, bill payments and such. It can be accomplished by easily opening envelopes carefully and later affixing clean labels over the previous addresses. Source: "Choose to Reuse," by Nikki & David Goldbeck, Ceres Press, Woodstock, N.Y.

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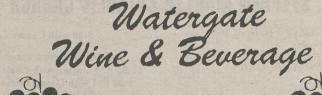
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Update, from page 1 **JGB Plans** Columbia House

As reported at the February ANC meeting, and earlier, The JGB Companies are planning construction of a 137-unit rental "luxury" apartment house at 25th and M Streets, N.W. It will be built above the current Columbia Hospital medical office building north of the hospital.

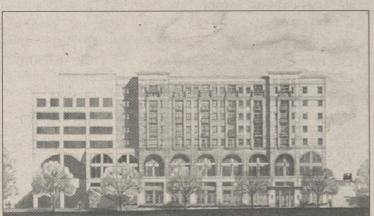
Current plans call for 5 "studio salon," 20 studio, 68 one-bedroom, 17 one-bedroom/den, and 27 two bedroom units. They range in size from 689 to 1505 square

replaced by a more traditional building frontage.

According to R. Stewart Bartley, JGB's managing director, construction may start sometime later this year. Longer-term plans call for a joint project with Columbia Hospital on land at 24th & M Streets, currently occupied by a federal building and a large parking lot.

Conference Scheduled on "Slamming"

The People's Counsel, consumer advocacy office for natural gas, electric and telephone services, has scheduled



feet. Following requests from the community during JGB's presentation at an earlier ANC meeting, and because of a needed technical rearrangement, the developer increased the number of larger units and decreased the smaller ones.

Included in the design is the removal of the large berm on the 25th Street side, to be

a conference on retail electric service choices for Thursday, March 29, at the Washington Convention Center. The session, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., will discuss consumers' choices for electric service, rates, reliable suppliers, and hopes to answer many questions about how to choose wisely in light of new utility competition. For information

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Recently sales representatives, according to People's Counsel Elizabeth Noel, met with residents of an apartment complex, procured copies of their gas bills, and later, without permission, switched the tenants' service from Washington Gas to Powertrust. The Public Service Commission has been asked to act quickly to protect District consumers as they make the transition to a competitive energy market from the traditional utility supply system of a single supplier.

According to Georgetown Current, the City Council passed an emergency bill to prevent "slamming." The bill was introduced by Councilmember Sharon Ambrose and passed unanimously; she also scheduled a hearing on slamming and on increases in home heating For info Councilmember Ambrose's office at 724-8072.

The conference, the D.C. Public Service Commission complaint and the Council's action highlight the problems associated with the recent deregulation of electric and natural gas service, opening up the field to any number of suppliers. Consumers are now able to choose their suppliers rather than being supplied by just one utility such as Pepco or Washington Gas.

Foggy Bottom Folks

In January new ANC Commissioner Jeff Marootian received an award for "exemplary community service" from GWU. The event was held at the Arts Club of Washington and honored the memory of Martin Luther King, Jr. Marootian, one of three awardees, instituted several area programs as the Student Association Vice President for Community Affairs, and as an elected Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner will continue to serve the community.

Both St. Mary's Court and its neighbors are missing a most familiar face at the Court front desk, that of Charlie Griffith, who retired in February. He has served there for many years. He is also famous for his expert taxi service, performed for many years in a most colorful automobile.

The Griffin Condominium Unit Owners Association has some new and re-elected Board members; elections were held in January. Re-elected were Stephanie Chesson and Joan Alper, and elected for the time was David Silverbrand. The officers of the Board elected for the coming year are Ed Gable, President; Bill Gallagher, Vice-President; Stephanie Chesson, Treasurer, and David Silberbrand, Secretary. The Griffin is at 955 26th Street.

Barbara Spillinger, who just completed a term as ANC Chair, got away in January and went south, visiting such appealing places as Savannah and Charleston. And Charlie Clapp, who has a house in Florida, went the

other way recently, traveling to Iceland.

Have you read "Murder in Foggy Bottom," Margaret Truman's latest mystery? It is fun to have a book set in our neighborhood, but distressing when details are a little awry. For example: the second sentence sets the murder scene as "in front of the hotel at E and K Streets, on the eastern edge of Foggy Bottom." The hotel is the familiar Lombardy, mentioned several times later in the book, but E and K Streets?? We were also pleased to read a scene set at the Magic Gourd in Columbia Plaza, also a restaurant familiar to FB residents, but question the fact that the characters sat near its front windows - which do not exist. Picky-picky, aren't we?

Longtime FB resident Herb Madison has traded his home on New Hampshire Avenue for an apartment at The Georgetown, a retirement residence on Q Street. Herb bought his house in 1960, and was a Foreign Service Officer before his retirement. His New Hampshire Avenue neighbors will miss him, as will other friends in the area.

Have you seen the new paint job at the Allen Lee Hotel? The venerable small hotel at 23rd and Virginia is now a pristine white with attractive blue trim, and looks like a brand new place.

Have you been to Branch Office Supply in Watergate recently? It does carry office supplies, but a lot more besides. Take a look at the array of gift items, gift wraps, greeting cards and the like. It's a handy store for some quick and/or last minute purchases.

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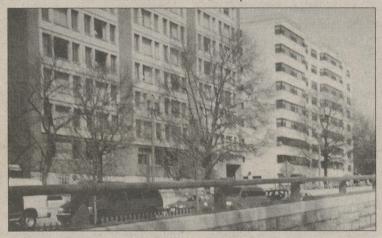
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ings. The new ones are painted the same color as the railings along K Street in the 2500-2600 blocks. This color was chosen by the late and greatly missed Steering Committee member, Charles Farbstein, to match the brick sidewalks. Peoples' taste may differ, but to me the color gives a special attractive character to the area, and is probably unique in the city.

The sidewalks along the 2400 block are the last part of the project to be completed. Previously, as on the bridge, these sidewalks were very narrow, a relic of the highway intrusion into our residential neighborhood in the early 1960s. They have now been widened by three feet, a result the Committee was able to negotiate by eliminating an unnecessary concrete slab that was previously placed next to

DPW and Residents Cooperated

The Steering Committee worked closely with the engineers of the D.C. Department of Public Works on the entire project. Thanks have been expressed previously to DPW for its cooperation in incorporating the Committee's major suggestions to improve the 2500-2600 blocks. This time our appreciation is extended to Mr. Adish Nafici, Chief, Bridge Construction. Despite delays encountered in the execution of the project, such as the need to replace a 100-yearold water main, Mr. Nafici showed patience and perseverance in finishing the job with the agreed improvements. His responsiveness to our concerns and his efforts on behalf of the community can set an example to be emulated by all D.C. officials.



the old parapet. The sidewalks are also in red brick, extending to Washington Circle, and beautifully match the ones in the other residential K Street blocks and in the Foggy Bottom Historic District which were put in place earlier.

A prominent asset to the new street scheme is the introduction of new trees and attractive "tree boxes." The very hard work of weeding and mulching of these tree beds was done by Norrene and Bob Vogt, using wood chips left





over from the 26th Street Park.

We are now awaiting spring, when this stretch of our neighborhood, previously an environmental blight, turns into a lovely green boulevard. The photos clearly illustrate, especially to newcomers to the neighborhood, the joint and very successful efforts of the residents and city officials.

Maria Tyler lives on 25th Street and is ANC Commissioner for Single Member District ANC203.



Foggy Bottom Foods

There's a new look and some old history at Blackie's Restaurant, a 54-year-old landmark at 22nd and M Streets, N.W. Founded by Blackie Auger, a \$5 million renovation has been undertaken by Blackie's son Gregory and daughter Dina Auger Economides.

In addition, a newcomer is French Executive Chef Claude Rodier, a 23-year veteran of multiple European Michelin two- and three-star restaurants. He also scored a four-diamond rating at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel.

In addition to Blackie's standard-bearing beef dishes, the new chef has introduced "rotisserie-prepared poultry and meats, fresh seafood dishes and fantastic dessert options," the latter evidencing his early career as a pastry chef in France. A typical evening's menu offers five appetizers, seven soup/salad selections, selected side dishes, four beef "originals," four rotisserie dishes,

and eight entree specialties.

Desserts offered include pecan & chocolate chip pie, vanilla cren.e brulee, and chocolate pineapple cheese-cake. A new wine list is featured, with the 3500-bottle wine cellar creating a display in the heart of the restaurant.

Much of the memorabilia from the original Blackie's has been retained (photos, tin ceilings, horseshoes and western touches, iron gates from McLean Gardens), as well as stained glass windows and in the private dining room chairs from Emperor Maximilian's dining room.

Months prior to opening for luncheon in March, carpenters, electricians, painters and welders worked by day and cleaned up in time for the serving of dinner guests. Still being worked on is a reincarnated lounge to bear the name Deja Vu Again. It is designed to cater to those who like their atmosphere softer than some contemporary nightclubs, and will offer a contrast to their other club, Lulu's, which caters to a younger clientele.

Crime Stats from 2D

Following are the incidents of crime in PSA 207 reported to MPD's Second District for the month preceding the News' press time.

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2/6	Burglary	2515 K	8:00 a.m.	apartment	
2/9	Theft	1227 25th	5:00 p.m.	office	
2/10	Theft from auto	1100 24th	3:00 a.m	street	
2/13	Theft from auto	2200 M	2:00 p.m.	street	
	Theft from auto	2400 L	5:30 p.m.	street	
	Attempted robbery	1255 23rd	8:40 p.m.	sidewalk	
2/15	Threat	2375 Penn.	12:03 p.m		
	Theft	2223 L	7:30 p.m.	sidewalk	
2/16	Attempted stolen auto	1231 25th	12:15 p.m.	sidewalk	
	Theft	2590 L	3:00 p.m.	construction site	
	Stolen auto	1800 Virginia	8:00 p.m.	street	
	Property destruction	2400 E	8:30 p.m.	street	
	Property destruction	1000 22nd	9:30 p.m.	street	
2/18	Property destruction	2600 Penn.	6:00 a.m.	street	
2/21	Burglary	2515 K	4:00 a.m.	apartment	
	Assault	725 23rd	12:30 p.m.	school	
	Theft	600 New Hamp.	2:50 p.m.	office	
	Theft from auto	= 1121 24th	10:00 p.m.	street	
2/22	Theft	1255 23rd	12:00 p.m.	office	
	Theft	2200 Penn.	10:30 p.m.	bar/nightclub	
2/23	Unlawful entry	901 23rd	4:00 a.m.	hospital	
2/24	Fugitive from justice	~ 1100 25th	5:10 p.m.	street -	
	Theft from auto	1100 25th	5:10 p.m.	street	
2/27	Stolen auto	2510 Virginia	9:35 p.m.	carport	
2/28	Theft from auto	2643 Virginia	1:10 p.m.	office	
	Theft	2528 Q. Anne's	8:00 p.m.	house	
3/1	Robbery	800 24th	2:50 a.m.	sidewalk	
	Theft from auto	700 New Hamp.	12:00 p.m.	street	
	Theft from auto	2300 C	12:15 p.m.	street	
3/2	Theft	1250 23rd	12:45 p.m.	office	
3/3	Property destruction	2201 L	3:30 a.m.	business	
	Threat	2500 Virginia	5:00 p.m.	apartment	
3/5	Property destruction	2200 G	6:00 p.m.	street	
	Assault	2200 I	10:51 p.m.	sidewalk	
3/6	Burglary	1100 24th	12:30 a.m.	parking lot	
3/7	Theft from auto	2400 H	8:30 p.m.	street	

Local Services Mark Holy Week & Easter

Holy Week, April 8-15, is being marked by a variety of services in the churches located in Foggy Bottom. Their schedules are printed here for your convenience; the addresses and phone

	numbers are	at the end of the list.			
Palm Sunday, April 8					
		8:00 a.m.	Blessing of Palms & Low Mass, Rite I		
		9:00 a.m.	St. Mary's Court, 725 24th Street, N.W.		
		11:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Palms, Procession & Choral Eucharist, Rite II		
	St. Paul	8:45 a.m.	Procession and Sung Mass with Incense		
		11:45 a.m.	Procession and Solemn Mass (Processions starting from Washington Circle, weather permitting)		
	St. Stephen	5:30 p.m. 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.	Saturday Vigil Mass Mass		

Wednesday, April 11 St. Mary 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae 6:30 p.m. St. Paul

1:00 & 5:30 p.m.

11:00 a.m.

Holy/Maundy Thursday, April 12 St. Mary 12:10 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

St. Paul 6:30 p.m.

United

St. Stephen 12:10 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. United

English Palm Sunday Service Tenebrae

Holy Eucharist, Rite I Solemn Eucharist of the Institution followed by Watch at the Altar of Repose until noon Friday

Solemn Mass and Procession to the Altar of Repose, followed by All-Night Vigil

Mass of the Lord's Supper English Maundy Service



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Good Friday, April 13 12:00 p.m.

St. Mary

Western

12:00 noon St. Paul 6:30 p.m. St. Stephen 12:10 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 12:00 noon United 1:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 14 Newman

12:00 noon

7:30 p.m. St. Mary

St. Paul 9:00 p.m.

St. Stephen 8:00 p.m. Easter Sunday, April 15 Newman 10:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m. St. Paul

11:15 a.m. 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. St. Stephen 10:00 & 5:30 p.m. 9:30 a.m. United

11:00 a.m.

Western 11:00 a.m. Solemn Liturgy of the Day Three Hours' Devotion Solemn Liturgy of the Day Mass Stations of the Cross Celebration of the Lord's Passion with Holy Communion Stations of the Cross German Good Friday Service

English Good Friday Service Good Friday Ecumenical Service

Regular 4:15 p.m. Mass will not be held The Great Vigil of Easter with the First Eucharist of Easter

Great Vigil of Easter Solemn Mass (followed by reception in the dining hall) Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Mass at Western Presbyterian Church Regular 11:00 a.m. Mass will not be held Procession and Sung Mass with Incense Procession and Solemn Mass Easter Mass

Easter Mass German Easter Sunday Communion Service English Easter Sunday Service Easter Sunday Traditional

Worship Service

Newman Catholic Student Center, 2210 G Street, N.W. 676-6855 St. Paul's Parish (Episcopal), 2430 K Street, N.W. 337-2020 St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 728 23rd Street, N.W. 333-3985 St. Stephen Martyr Catholic Church, 2436 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., 785-0982 The United Church, 1920 G Street, N.W. 331-1495 Western Presbyterian Church, 2401 Virginia Avenue, N.W., 835-8383

At the February **ANC Meeting**

At the February 21 Advisory Neighborhood Commission meeting, the Commission voted to support a variance request for a proposed residential building at 2440 M Street, N.W. In addition, DPW's Alex Nafici reported on the reconstruction of the 23rd Street bridges over Virginia Avenue and E Street to begin this spring. There were also reports on the status of the Red Cross construction, on the GWU Campus Plan decision and the conditions of the BZA approval, on the appeal to BZA on the Zoning Administrator's ruling on 1957 E Street, and on a meeting at the Office of Planning on Square 37 (24th & L Streets).

Calling FB "Phi Betes"

The officers of the D.C. Area Phi Beta Kappa Association are inviting all members of the prestigious group who reside in Foggy Bottom to join them in preparing to celebrate the organization's 225th birthday. Planned are a special event in Washington, and "an even bigger event" to take place December 6-8 in Williamsburg, Virginia. The College of William and Mary will host the anniversary meeting, marking the founding of the society in 1776 on the W&M campus.

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26th Street Park Lives Again Clean and Plant on April 7

Once upon a time there was a group of "militant mothers" in Foggy Bottom who went to work to secure a playground for their children, and created a special place for all to enjoy. As the parents of the "Soggy Bottom Babies" moved away, the playground was nurtured and cared for by Cathy Miller, proprietor of Natural Day Care situated at St. Paul's on K Street. The pleasant "sitting" area of the park, on the south end, was the special interest of Mary Brewster, who lived until early last month just up Queen Anne's Lane from the park. Much of the middle part of the park deteriorated.

The years contributed to the wear and tear obvious to passersby, despite the efforts of various nearby residents. Then the park became the recipient of so-called "amenity" funds from the builder of the Ritz-Carlton, and the path to a sweeter, gentler view opened

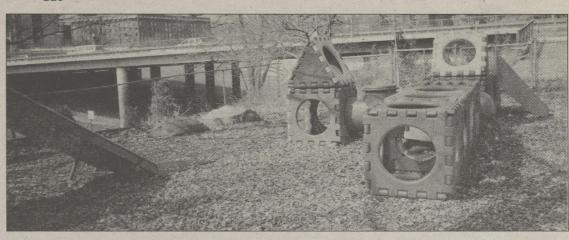
26th Street Park Committee was established by the Foggy Bottom Association, chaired by Bob Vogt. His committee went to work, and from it came new plants and landscaping, new and repaired fencing, some new playground equipment, and lots and lots of wood chips. (Wood chips, in addition to keeping away the mud, are required for any playground.) A crew of students from American University last summer turned mounds and mounds of wood chips into a carpet for most of the park.

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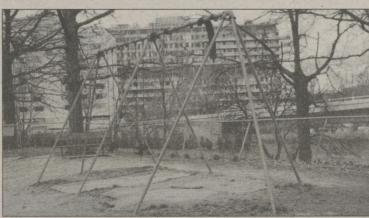
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Now three parts comprise the 26th Street park: the playground on the north, a middle area devoted to canines, and the sitting area with benches and plants on the south.

Part of the work done on the park consisted of efforts to keep that stretch of 26th Street, as well as a similar parcel north of K Street, as areas of open, green and recreational space. There were dis-







cussions and correspondence with the departments of Public Works and Parks and Recreation, with Councilmember Jack Evans and Mayor Williams. The land now "belongs" to Public Works, but Parks and Recreation is willing and

eager to take over jurisdiction. (This would ensure more city attention, especially to the playground portion.) About this time there were changes in DPW, P&R, and the Office of Property Management, the agency which actually transfers the



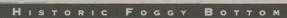
At the top is the children's playground; next are the "patio" portion before the spruce-up, and Bob and Norrene Vogt and the new plantings; the "middle" portion "before" and "after."



jurisdiction, causing a delay in the transfer.

The committee is hopeful it will happen; the Mayor wrote to Councilmember Evans committing his administration to the plan. In October he stated: "... I am writing to inform you that I concur with your letter's

request and will direct the Office of Property Management to reassign jurisdiction over these two parcels of land to the Department of Parks and Recreation." He is committed; let's hope someone in his adminstration will make it happen—and soon, please.



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Neighborhood Datebook

Monday, March 26: Foggy Bottom Association meeting, featuring D.C. Councilmember-at-Large Phil Mendelson, discussing D.C. General, redistricting and other issues before the D.C. Council. West End Library, 24th & L Streets, N.W. 7:30

Wednesday, March 28: Anna Louise Tatum, historian and longtime member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, will give a brief talk on the history of the church at the St. Mary's Court's luncheon program. (Guests are encouraged to join the group for a full and reasonably-priced lunch.) The church was established over 125 years ago, and the building, designed by James Renwick, is on the National Register of Historic Places. Mrs. Tatum's talk will take place at the Court, 725 24th Street, N.W., at 1:00 p.m.

Friday, March 30: Dialogue between Audrey Beckford, psychologist, and Rev. David Bird. TGIF discussion series on workplace faith and ethics. Grace Episcopal Church, 1041 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. For info call 333-7100. 12:30-1:15

Friday, April 6: Opening of April exhibits, featuring Jack Hannula and Antonia Walker. Arts Club of Washington, 2017 I Street, N.W. Gallery hours, Tue.-Fri., 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Sat., 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. For info call 331-7282, ext. 23. Reception, 6:30-8:30 p.m.*

Saturday, April 7: 26th Street Park Cleanup and Planting Day, with chores, refreshments and opportunities to improve the park and meet neighbors. A general clean-up is planned, along with weeding and planting shrubs and flowers. The park is located on 26th Street between I and K Streets. Call Bob Vogt at 337-3731 to offer your help. 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Rain date: Monday, April 9: 5:00-7:00 p.m.*

Tuesday, April 10: "What Does God Want From Me?," presentation by Rev. Bill Parent, vocations director, Archdiocese of Washington. Theology on Tap at Lulu's, 22nd & M Streets, N.W. For info call 861-5858. 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 12-Sunday, April 15: "Enchanted Night," presented by the GW Department of Theatre and Dance. Marvin Theatre, 800 21st Street, N.W. For info call 994-6178. Thu.-Sat. at 7:30 p.m.; Sun. at 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 18: Foggy Bottom/West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2-A meeting. For info and location, call 736-1775. 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 21: Foggy Bottom Cleanup, a combined effort of the GWU Student Association and members of the Foggy Bottom community. Participants should meet in front of St. Mary's Court, 725 24th Street, and will be assigned to various areas in the neighborhood. For info and to report sites needing cleanup call the SA office at 994-7100. 12:00 noon.*

St. Stephen's Making **Improvements**

By Jim Koch

St. Stephen Martyr Church, Foggy Bottom's Roman Catholic church, has embarked on a major capital improvement program.

In a letter to parishioners, Msgr. Kenneth W. Roeltgen, the pastor, listed projects completed, ongoing or contemplated. Already in operation is a new state-of-the-art sound system, designed by experts in the field. A large sign, on a brick and concrete base, has been installed at the Pennsylvania Avenue and 25th Street corner to clearly identify St. Stephen's. Also, a case listing Masses and Confession schedules has been placed in front of the church with a new, clear sign inside of it.

Areas surrounding the church have been re-landscaped and new outside lighting is planned. In the Parish Hall, the kitchen has been refurbished, including new appliances.

On the schedule for the future are a refurbishing of the church bells, now 40 years old, new front doors, and major changes in the church sanctuary.

These capital improvements are being financed through a capital appeal launched among parishioners last year and will continue over the next 18 months.

This set of marinades

launches an occasional column featuring recipes from the chefs of local Foggy Bottom/West End restaurants. These come from Claude Rodier, Executive Chef at Blackie's on 22nd Street.

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Marinades

MEDITERRANIAN MARINADE

1/2 c. extra virgin olive oil

1 T. grated lemon zest

1 T. grated orange zest

1 c. lemon juice

1/4 c. pitted Kalamata olives

2 T. basil or oregano

1 pinch cayenne pepper Mix everything together, then cover your fish or meat.

MOROCCO MARINADE

1 c. extra virgin olive oil

1 c. lemon juice

3 T. grated lemon zest

2 T. cumin

1 T. paprika

1 T. coriander

2 T. chopped garlic

2 T. freshly chopped ginger

2 T. fresh cilanto

1 T. parsley

Mix everything together, then cover your fish or meat.

FISH—MEAT— **VEGETABLE**

1 onion sliced

2 T. chopped garlic

1 bunch of thyme

1 bunch of oregano

2 or 3 bay leaves parsley

leaves of celery

about 2 hours.

1 c. extra virgin olive oil

1 c. lemon juice

cracked black peppercorn

Rub the meat with all the ingredients, pour the olive oil and lemon juice, sprinkle with black peppercorn. Keep

That's my favorite for summer grillery or winter as well.

(Read more about the chef and Blackie's new look elsewhere in this issue.)

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Thursday, April 26-Sunday, April 29: "Jacques Brel Is Alive . . . ," presented by the GW Department of Theatre and Dance. Marvin Theatre, 800 21st Street, N.W. For info call 994-6178. Thu.-Sat. at 7:30 p.m.; Sun. at 2:00 p.m

Wednesday, March 28: Lecture by 2000 Nobel Laureate Eric R. Kandel entitled "Radical Reductionism in Art and Science: The Case of Memory Storage and Its Disorders." Kandel, one of the world's most prominent memory researchers, is University Professor at the Center for Neurobiology and Behavior at Columbia University. National Academy of Sciences, 2100 C Street, N.W. For info call 334-2439. 6:00 p.m.

Through Monday, April 30: "The Art of Upholstery," an exhibition which surveys 200 years of changing American upholstery styles, and examines the business of upholstery. DAR Museum, 1776 D Street, N.W. For info call 879-3238. Hours: weekdays, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Sundays 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Monday, April 30: Foggy Bottom Association meeting, with Channel 4's Tom Sherwood. Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 7:30 p.m.

* See article on this listing elsewhere in this issue.



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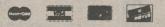
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